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THE WEATHER

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POWELL AVERS 7 PER CENT NOT TOO MUCH FOR ROADS

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erriers Can Earn that and Even More Without Charging Excessive Rates, Says Nebraskan.

CROSS-EXAMINED

Connact for Railways Assert He Selected Only the Strong Systems.

STAND FOR TWO DAYS

CHICAGO, April 2,-Seven per mt is not too high a return to railands on their investment, and ratiroads may earn even more than that without indicating that they have enreed excessively high freight rates. U. G. Powell, rate expert of the Nebraska Railroad commission, so testified under cross-examination today at the Interstate Commerce commis-

On Stand Two Days.

Mr. Powell had been on the stand two lays in opposition to the forty-one westrailroads' plea for higher freight on certain commodities. He se-f six of the western roads as typical, ing they were earning on an average per cent. The roads were the Santa Burlington, Milwaukee, Northwest-Reck Island and Miscouri, Kansas

don hearing of the western rate case.

Counsel for the railroads contended hat Mr. Powell has selected mostly the trong roads, omitting the financially ones which also are a party to plea for more revenue.

"Taking your own figure of 6.75 per nt." asked C. C. Wright, general soiter for the Chicago & Northwestern ad, anting for all the roads, "do you was decided that to hold the railroads freight rates that would yield less than 7 per cent earnings would be

Remembers It.
"I remember it." said Mr. Powell.
"You do not say that a 6.75 earning a of itself evidence that freight rates are unnecessarily high?"

"The fact that a road was earning ? per cent or more would not necessarily indicate the freight rates were too high. ould it?"

"A road might be earning 7 per cent and more and yet its rates might not be

al to that percentage, he said. quire, but he said he did not mean they new terminal in Chicago was an instance liding in excess of requirements. The thess said he thought the limit had been reached in size of equipment and

trainload had reached its final capacity. "So that in the future the roads cannot to increased cost of operation?" asked "I think that is true," said Mr. Powell.

ort of higher rates on specified com-nedities, after which the opposing ship-ers will resume.

DAVID STARKEY CONFESSES KILLING WIFE AND BABY

OTTAWA, III., April 2.-David Starkey, ag to Sheriff Davis, has confessed started the fire which last Saturday destroyed his house and burned his wife and baby to death. Starkey is gaid to have attacked his wife before firing the house. No metive was given.

The Weather

Porcesst till 7 p. m. Saturday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Fair.



Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday.... Lowest yesterday.... Mean temperature.... Precipitation

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Temp. High-Rain-7 p. m. est. fall

Of Westler. 71
Cheyenne, clear
Davenport, cloudy
Denver, clear
Des Moines, part cloudy,
lodge City, clear
ander, part cloudy,
orth Platie, clear

SULTAN'S TRANSPORT SERVICE-Turks conserving gasoline by removing limited supply in Constantinople to a place of safety.



JAIL FEED GRAFT

Amount Allowed for Feeding Pris Move to Place Measure at Head of oners in Douglas and Lancas- Senate File Defeated by Vote ter Reduced to 32 Cents.

vided and went after each other as The thing was all due to senate file 249, known as the Douglas county jail feeding graft bill.

Two house bills had been introduced to draw the fire in hope that with the ok to increased economics of operation attention of the members called to these. from heavier train loading as an offset the senate bill might get through on the quiet and no one discover it until too late, and the scheme nearly worked, for the senate bill went through the upper Tomorrow the railroads are to begin house nicely, but when it came to the ve days' untinished testimony in sup-

Supposed to Cover Mileage. The senate bill was supposed to cover principally a raise in mileage for sheriffs, but had attached a proposition alowing sheriffs of the class of Douglas and Lancaster counties to receive pay at 0 cents per day.

However, the friends of the Douglas ounty sheriff saw that something had to be done, so they had an amendment set up reducing the rate from 40 cents to (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Dutch Ship Blown . Up in the North Sea

HULL, England, April 2.-The Dutch day morning in the North Sea at a point twenty-four miles from Spurn, on the east coast of England at the entrance to the Humber. One man of the vessel's crew was killed. The captain and seven others members of the crew were brought to Hull, while another boat with seven sailors is missing.

The Schieland was of 653 net tonnage and was built in 1900. It was 221 feet long, thirty-three feet beam and twelve feet deep. Its home port was Rotterdam.

U.S. Will Let Flag Desecrtaion Pass

WASHINGTON, April 1-There was no intentional desecration of the American lag by any authorized person when John B. McManus was killed in Mexico City by Zapata troopers, according to reports to the State department today by the Bra-

zilian minister in Mexico. He says that after careful investigation he finds that no official authorized the tearing down of the flag. Upon his recommendation Secretary Bryan announced that no apology would be asked.

THANKS AMERICANS FOR CARE OF FRENCH WOUNDED

PARIS. April 2.-Surgeon General Frevier at the formal opening today of the eye department of the military hosof Philadelphia, who is in charge of this department, for the work he and other Americans are doing for the French wounded. Surgeon Fevrier declared these labors were highly esteemed by the gov-

QUINBY FAILS TO CUT BY HOUSE LIFT CHARTER BILL

Twenty-Three to Nine.

FIVE OMAHA MEN VOTE NO INVOLVES CITY ELECTION DATE

bearing the burden of providing more ing sessions of former years had Beal was the only democrat voting car passed the crowds bared their heads. ure, but he said he did not mean they that the present membership lacked desired to amend the bill to postpone Earl Howe. Others who attended what growth in traffic may require. He the vim and buzz of former delega- the election so that the people of the selecting city officers this spring.

The object in view, he avowed, was to amend the bill so as to postpone the primary city election of Tuesday next in order that the annexed territory of South fined the road. Omaha, Dundee and Florence may get in on the vote.

Omaha delegation contended 6,000 voters of the annexed territory will be disfranchised if it is not formally postponed until after the annexation election to be called by the governor. Such an outrage, Quinby says, will even endanger the result of the annexation election, hitherto regarded as certain by reason of the fact that Omaha is included in the election and has the overwhelming weight of the

Mattes of Otoe charged that it was an attempt to override the bifting committee merely to give Quinby an opportunity to get in the race for city commissioner. This opinion was given color by the fact that Quinby had a stenographer take his speech, evidently with the intent to use

it for political purposes, Quinby did not deny that he might run commissioner, but said that he had as vet not made up his mind. He charged his colleague. Howell, with having gone back on his promise to do all that be could to postpone the election. This promise was made when the annexation bill was up. Howell admitted having made the promise. Howell said that there were a number of legal questions that they were working on in regard to the ment of the election

Quinby Cites Opinion Quinby cited an opialon from the attor-ney general to the effect that such an tmendment would be germane to the title of house roll 137.

The eight who voted with Quinby were Beal, Bushee, Dodge, Douthett, Sandall. Saunders, Shumway and Spirk.

STOP OF IN THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST

Although primarily a market town. Omaha is also an educational center. Creighton University, the University of Omaha, Bellevue Có lege, the University of Nebraska Medical School, Brownell Hall are all located here and doing most creditable work in instructing and developing the youth enrolled as their students.

TURK PROTESTS TO U. S. AGAINST MEN EXECUTED BY VILLA

Porte Presents Note to Washington and threats of reprisals on account of the treatment by Great Britain of the prisoners taken on board German sub-Concerning Murder of Two Syrians at Torreon.

ASKS SUBJECTS BE PROTECTED ain also was made public.

Communication Follows Close on Heels of American Request Guard Missionaries.

THIS GOVERNMENT WILL ACT

WASHINGTON, April 2 .- Followcan governments request to Turkey ward Grey, in his reply said that the he made no suggestions for a change, to protect the Americans at the mission school at Urumiah, Persia, Hussein Bey, charge of the Turkish embassy here, today presented, to the State department a note of protest against the billing in Mexico of two Turkish subjects.

Rafael Fereze, are said to have been executed at Torreon by Villa soldiers, the charge against them being that they had attempted to circulate counterfeit currency notes. It was claimed in defense of the men that the notes had been approved as genuine by the Vila commander.

.. In his note to the department, filed on instructions from his government the Turkish charge requested the United States to protect Turkish subjects in Mexico and to ask for redress in the present case. No reply was made today to the Turkish request, although it was understood that it would be complied with.

Body of Late Baron Rothschild Laid to Rest at Willesden

LONDON, April 2.-In accordance with his request, Baron Rothschild was buried quietly shortly after noon today at the Willesden Jewish cemetery.

Brief services were held at the late residence of the baron in Piccadilly. The services were private, being attended only their aunt to see if the baby was awake. by the family and close friends. Out. About 2:30 o'clock Francis Griffin. ende the house there gathered a crowd of liveryman, crossed the bridge, noticed the baby carriage and found the following trem the Jewish community in the east note:

of the Douglas county delegation di- No. 137, the Omaha charter bill, and his nephews, Evelyn and Authory. Earl place it at the head of the sifting file, Rosebery, a relative by marriage, also Mr. Powell testified the railroads were in the days of yore. People attend- was defeated this morning, 23 to 9, was among the mourners. As a funeral than the present patrons redone considerable worrying for fear with him on the proposition. Quinby Annaly and Queen Mother Alexandra by King George was represented by Lord services were David Lloyd-George, A. J. thought the Chicago & Northwestern's tiens, but the illusion was dispelled. annexed territory could take part in Palfour. Lord Reading. Lord Sandhurst. Lord Acheson, Lord Haldane, representatives of the various Jewish societies and most of the other leaders of the Jewish community.

For a distance of half a mile outside the gates of the cemetery great crowds

Quinty, Dodge and Saunders of the Exclusive Suburb

CHICAGO, April 2.-Highland Park, an xclusive suburb of Chicago, must enterain Angelo Lunardi, a leper, until war ditions in Europe permit his safe reirn to Italy on the same vessel of the North German Lloyd Steamer company which brought him to this country. This decision of the immigration au thorities in Washington was received here today by Dr. Percy L. Prentis, head of

the local immigration bureau. Lunardi was employed as a watchman at the Exmoer Country club when physicians discovered he was afflicted with

CONDITION OF FERRIS IS MUCH IMPROVED "MICHIGAN WIFE" ASKS

Word was received from the State Orthopedic hospital at Lincoln last night that Timothy Ferris, Western Union telegraph operator stationed at The Boo office, was very much improved and resting easily. Perris went to Lincoln with a vertebra in his neck out of place and was admitted to the institution by Dr. H. W. Orr. The report stated that an operation will probably not be necessary. Mr. Perris sustained his injury by, a fall

MEXICANS REPORT QUIET PREVAILS IN PROGRESO

GALVESTON, Tex., April 2 -- Quiet prerails at Progresso, Yucatan, and at Merida, capital of the state, according to Mexicans who arrived here today on board the Norwegian steamer Nils. The Nils brought 4.715 bales of sisal fiber. Captain Peterson reported that when he left Progress four other vessels were taking on sisal cargoes.

ICE GORGE NEAR PIERRE SENDS RIVER ON BOTTOMS

PIERRE, S. D., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)-The Missouri river is reported to e covering the lowlands along the valley on account of gorges in the stream and dynamite is being used to clear away he piled up ice.

I NEED a superintendent in a ma-chine shop; will require an invest-ment of \$4.000. Big future for steady, reliable man.

marines was made public here today, more the foreign secretary said, Ger-This protest was transmitted by Ger- man prisoners in England are better fed many to Great Britain through the and clothed than are British prisoners of United States. The reply of Great Brit- equal rank in Germany, and the Germans are not subjected to forced labor The German government in its protest As the submarine crews have been en asked whether Great Britain intended to gaged in sinking neutral merchant ships accord less favorable treatment to cap- and unarmed British vessels, Sir Edward MOVE IS BECOMING POPULAR tured German aubmarines' crews than said, they could not be regarded as hor to other war prisoners, and if so what orable opponents, but were "oftenders form this discrimination would take. Ger- against the law of nations and common

many stated that if Great Britain adopted humanity." such a course a British army officer The foreign secretary said that 1,000 held prisoner in Germany would receive officers and men of the German navy correspondingly harsh treatment for had been rescued during the war, but each member of a German captured sub- that none from the British navy had ing close on the heels of the Ameri- marine crew. The foreign secretary, Ed- been rescued by the Germans. However,

TYNE TRAWLERS

Two Syrians, Salamon Nigri and Mrs. Archie Ferguson and Two Chil- Three British Fishing Craft Blown dren Leaps to Death in River at North Bend.

DESPONDENT OVER STRUGGLE

Kaiser Threatens Reprisals Against

LONDON, April 2.-A German protest prisoners from German submarines had

British Officers Held as Prisoners

NORTH BEND, Neb., April 2 .-(Special Telegram.) - Mrs. Archie Ferguson committed suicide here this afternoon by jumping from the steel German submarine U-10 yesterday. river, taking her two children, aged were safely in small boats, the Ger-2 and 3 years, with her. She came mans blew up the trawlers. here Wednesday from Grand Island with her five children. Her husband wards the Tyne, until they encouncame the next day and left this morn-

They had lived at Grand Island a year, but formerly were of this town, of the submarine was quite genial. He While here they stopped with her brother, Frank Strayer. She was despondent over their poor circumstances.

Mrs. Ferguson left the Strayer home about 11 o'clock, leaving her 3-months-old baby asleep. She took the other four children with her to the river, two of them in a baby carriage. John Kent saw her standing on the bridge about 1 o'clock when she was writing in a note book. She sent the two oldest children back to

six consistency bigh."

Mr. Powell explained that although the severage carnings of the roads he selected had been all paid dividends at that rate on their investment. Neither had all the roads in this case averaged dividends of the Douglas county delegation dividends.

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brothers live here.

American Rancher and Five Employes Killed in Mexico

EL PASO, Tex. April 2.-Two Americans and two Germans were killed in early February by Carransa troops on a reach twenty miles northwest of Mexico City, according to details sent in a letter today to President Wilson by R. To Maintain Leper P. Altkin, who said he was at the ranch at the time.

Aitkin said that the Carranga troops while attempting to make away with a large herd of cattle killed his uncle, V. M. Smith, formerly a farmer near Houston, Tex., who owned the ranch; Rose F. Billings, an American cowman; Hans Heinrich, a German citizen; another German, whose name he did not know, tnd two Mexican cowboys.

The refugee said that he was asleep with the remainder of the bands in the ranch house. They were awakened by the soldiers, who said that Smith and his employes had been killed. The ranch bouse was burned after all valuables had been removed, Aitkin said. He escaped north, arriving yesterday at Juarez.

MARRIAGE ANNULLED

CHICAGO, April 3.-May Quinlas Brady, 'Michigan wife" of State Auditor James J. Brady, who sued him for \$50,006 some months ago for alleged failure to make the marriage good in other states. sued for annulment of the marriage here

Benjamin Ehrlich, attorney for Mrs. Brady, announced that a settlement of the breach of promise suit had reached out of court and that the bill of complaint will be dismissed when it comes up in court. The lawyer declined to state how much money was involved the settlement.

Want a Bird House?



Just the thing for the boy or girl. Coupon for it in SUNDAY'S BEE

MOTHER WITH BABIES SUBMARINE SINKS JUMPS INTO PLATTE

Up by Germans After Crews Had Been Removed.

NORWEGIAN CREW IS LANDED

NEW CASTLE, England, April 2. -Three Tyne trawlers, the Cloxiana, Jason and Nellie, were sunk by the bridge into the middle of the Platte After all the members of the crew They then towed the fishermen to-

> tered fishing craft, which brought the men ashore. The flohermen say that the commander

supplied hot coffee and tobacce to them. but told them: "We have orders to sink everything.

It is war, and England started it."

Crew of Norwegian Bark Safe. AMSTERDAM, April 2.-Eleven men, the crew of the Norwegian bark Nor, torpedoed in the North Sea by the German submarine U-20, were landed today by the steamer Units at the Hook of Hot-

Manufacturers of U. S. Urged to Begin

Mrs. Fersuson was about 31 years of Herman A. Metz, member of congress age. Her mother, sister and three from New York and a widely known manufacturer, in an address at a conference of dyemen here today. Unless the British government changes its policy, Mr. Metz. a "dry" country. declared, hundreds of factories throughout the United States will have to suspend operations and 300,000 men will be thrown

> "The State department is doing all it resentative Mets, "but it is compelled to of alcoholic liquors will be permitted respect international law. The manufacturers of this country will have to take the matter out of the bunds of the State department and handle it themselves by declaring an industrial war on England.

"If American manufacturers declared an embargo on England," declared the speaker, "they would soon put an end to present conditions, and would mighty in violation of international law., Porhaps it would, but it is high time that we kick a few holes in international law."

Officials in West Virginia Without

cause of failure of the late legislature to in the same boat, appropriate funds for the running ex-penses of West Virginia is Governor of total prohibition, which, under the de-Henry D. Hatfield. John S. Darst, state fense of the realm act, it has the power auditor, has asked A. A. Lilly, attorney to enforce without any further explana-general, for an opinion as to whether he tion. in borrow money until such time as the legislature can be called together to make the necessary appropriations, and the attorney has come back with a request by Darst and for what purpose during

the last several years.

Meanwhile the unusual condition is be ng feit in all parts of the state. Country chools are being closed, high schools the national guard are being mustered out. The effort to have the legislature falled and there is no relief in sight.

Warns Austrian **Army Contractors Against Grafting**

VENICE (Via London), April 2.-Owing dals, the Austrian military authorities have issued public notice, warning con-tractors that all frauds will be rigorously prosecuted and punished with imprisonment from ten to twenty years, and in certain cases with hanging. The authorities at Vienna are irritated greatly over the non-arrival of large purchases of food supplies from Rou mania. They declare that the Re ians have received the money, but has not sent the food. They say also that a ship load of wheat bought in the United States reached Genoa, but was stopped there by the Italian government

LIQUOR PROBLEM HOLDS CENTER OF BRITISH STAGE

Interest in Proposed Drastic Dry Measures Completely Eclipses News of the Military Operations.

London Papers Propose Suspension of Manufacture of All Liquor During the War.

CABINET PROBABLY FAVORS IT

The Day's War News

GERMAN SUBMARINES have sunk four more vessels, one of them flying a neutral flag. A Norwegian bark was torpedoed in the North sea by the U-20 and three trawlers from the Type were blown up by

the U-10, HEAVY FIGHTING has been reaumed in eastern France near the German border. The official statement from Berlin says the French were defeated in a battle near Le Pretre forest and forced to give up ground which they had

RAIDS BY TWO AVIATORS of the attes to the German province of Baden inflicted damage in the cities of Mulhelm and Narenberg. BRITISH STEAMER South Point. which went down off Cape Finisterre, is said to have been torpedoed by the U-28. It is more than 700 miles from Cape Fininterre to the nearest German sub-

SUGGESTION THAT TURKEY WAS on the point of suing for a separate peace with Russia is repudiated by both Turkish and Russian am basaadors at Bome.

FIGHTING IN CARPATHIANS IS described in Berlin dispatches as un-usually bitter. The Busmans, pushing their way through deep snow, are persisting in their efforts to dislodge the Austrians from the passes and heights, but are said to have accomplished little in the way of definite one

RUSSIANS ANNOUNCE an important victory over the Germans in north-

LONDON, April 2 .- The attention of the British public is today con-Trade War on Lion centrated upon the question of abstinence. For the moment it has PHILADELPHIA. April 2.—American overshadowed the war. This is Good manufacturers were urged to take immediate concerted action to obtain a modification of Great Britain's rules governing military activity could divert the at tention of the people from the ailabsorbing topic of the possibility of

That some drastic measures are contemplated is Reyond question, but the public is divided in opinion as to whether the prohibition is to can to cope with the situation," said Rep- be total, or whether the consumption under sharp control.

Several of the London morning paper appeared today with full page advertisements presenting petitions with the request that supporters of the movement cut them out and send them to Chan-cellor of the Exchaquer Lloyd George

These potitions read:
"I am entirely in favor of the suspension of the manufacture of intoxical liquors during the war, which I conside imperative for a quick and successful termination of the war. I shall hearily support the government in any such

riginia Without

Pay; Schools Close

The petition field is backed by merchants and business toen and other employers of labor, who disclaim any save a war interest in the proposed measure.

The sense of personal liberty is actions in England that it may defeat total prohibition. But the sense defeat total Pay; Schools Ulose prohibition. But the sense of fair play fights on the side of the extreme measure. CHARLESTON, W. Va. April 2--It for the opinion is growing that if emdeveloped today that one of the state of ployers be deprived of their right to ficials who is not drawing his salary be- drink, employers must take their place

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